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Subject: Oxitec EUP Application OPP Update

Good Afternoon Bob and Anne,

This OPP Update announcing the extension of the comment period for the Oxitec EUP application is ready for your review. It has been approved by Eric Bohnenblust, Mike Mendelsohn, and Kaythi Han.

We hope publish the OPP Update early tomorrow morning.

Thanks!
Isabella

EPA Extends Public Comment Period on Application of Experimental Use Permit to Combat Mosquitos

In response to numerous requests, EPA is extending the public comment period of the receipt of application of Oxitec's experimental use permit for Ox513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.

EPA first announced the availability of Oxitec's application for an experimental use permit on March 9, 2018 in the Federal Register. Following the review of the application, data, and public comments received, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted.

Oxitec's genetically engineered *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes are to be used to suppress wild *Aedes aegypti* populations. Genetically engineered male mosquitoes are released into the environment to mate with wild female mosquitoes. The genetic modification ensures that the resulting offspring do not survive. *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes can spread numerous diseases of significant human health concern, including the Zika virus, and using such technology can help to control these mosquito populations.

Oxitec's proposed experimental program is designated to take place in Harris County, Texas, and Monroe County, Florida. For additional details view the entire proposal.

Public comments about the receipt of this EUP application should be submitted to www.regulations.gov under docket # EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756 on or before June 7, 2018.

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